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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 22 October 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of meeting), Mr. Amory,
Col. White, [redacted]
Kirkpatrick, Sheldon (part of mtg.), [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Stated that in a conversation on 21 October 1958 with [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] had indicated it would be helpful if [redacted] could have 25X1
more specific requirements in the scientific collection field. Mr. Amory
noted that this could easily be accomplished by servicing [redacted] from 25X1
[redacted] where we have well qualified people in the scientific field. The
Director asked that DD/I and the Acting DD/P work this out with [redacted] 25X1
during his current TDY at headquarters.

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e) Noted while he was satisfied with the CIB, there is always room for improvement in a publication of this nature and directed that all of those present be continuously on the lookout for ways and means to better this publication. He made it clear that the CIB is the responsibility of the Agency as a whole and not just the Office of Current Intelligence.

General Cabell:

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a) Noted that in a general discussion on 20 October with [redacted] the following points had been covered:

1) General Doolittle strongly feels that very few, if any, of the recommendations of the Doolittle Board have been implemented. For example:

a) Discontinuance of the several DD/P staffs and their functions absorbed in other components of the Clandestine Services.

b) Duplication between the IG activities and the I&R Staff of DD/P. In response to a) [redacted] commented the Director would recall that very careful consideration had been given to abolishing the several DD/P staff components and after much thought this proposal had been decided against since the functions of these staffs were necessary and would thus have to be assumed by the Divisions which would not lead to orderly performance and in the long run would in all probability require more people. [redacted] said in particular it would tend to decentralize the activities of the staffs and lessen centralized control. With regard to b) Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that in his opinion there is duplication between his staff and that of I&R. For example, he said four members of the latter staff are doing a field survey [redacted] which is the fourth such survey in two years. And further, that the T/O and budget of the I&R staff is about twice that of the IG. In an ensuing discussion it was agreed that in view of the diversified operational problems engendered by the activities of the Clandestine Services, the DD/P did have a requirement for a tool to assist in solving day to day problems not warranting the need for full investigation by the I.G. After some further discussion it was also agreed that the DD/P and IG would review the functions of the I&R Staff and provide the Director recommendations as to whether or not it should be maintained in its present status.

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2) The need for an operational and planning staff to assist in our PP activities. The Director noted that this matter was under consideration by [redacted] and the Acting DD/P.

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3) It was the feeling of the Hull Board as expressed to it by former Assistant Secretary of Defense Mansfield Sprague, that the 5412 Committee does not have the opportunity to consider projects prior to being presented to it and in most cases the Committee is only asked to approve the expenditure of necessary funds for a given project. The Director noted that this had in fact been changed and a procedure is now in effect which provides for the briefing of each member of the Committee prior to its consideration of all projects. He pointed out that this is a rather difficult procedure to enforce

in view of the extremely busy schedule of the members of the 5412 group, however, they are offered every opportunity to be fully briefed on all projects. The Director also noted his intention of discussing this at the meeting of the 5412 Committee today.

4) The feeling of the Hull Board that the PRC is nothing more than a rubber stamp. There was general disagreement with this and it was pointed out that the members of the PRC carefully study each project brought before it and this Committee does serve a most useful purpose in insuring that projects are feasible, within our charter, and properly administered. The Director pointed out that there are times due to operational necessity when certain projects are not put before the PRC prior to their consideration by the 5412 Committee. He said, however, in most cases these projects are discussed at a Deputies' Meeting where he receives the advice and counsel of his senior people.

5) There is some feeling on the part of the Hull Board that there are still too many of our people who have returned from overseas "walking the halls" seeking jobs. Colonel White and [redacted] pointed out that every effort is being made to assign people to headquarters jobs prior to their return and that much has been done on the part of Personnel and the Divisions of DD/P to alleviate this situation which has existed in the past. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that while this problem was not completely licked, everything possible is being done. However, there will always be a few problem cases.

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Noted an outgoing cable concerning a briefing to be given by Congressman Mahon during his current trip to Europe and asked if it was contemplated that AQUATONE should be included. The Director indicated it should be included. [redacted] The Director indicated it should not and any such briefing would be handled at headquarters. [redacted] noted that [redacted] could rest assured that Field Stations would not attempt any such briefing without Headquarters' approval.

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